

March 1, 2010

On the above date, the Township Committee of the Township of Mantua held its monthly Workshop Meeting in the Mantua Township Municipal Building, 401 Main Street, Mantua, NJ 08051.

Mayor Timothy W. Chell called the meeting to order. The time was 7:30 p.m. Mayor Chell asked for everyone to rise for the flag salute and remain standing for a moment of silence.

Mayor Chell then read aloud the Statement of the Presiding Officer: "As required by the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by adopting a schedule of regular meetings for the year 2010. The schedule was posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and mailed to the Gloucester County Times and Courier-Post newspapers on January 5, 2010."

Mayor Chell called on Township Clerk Shawn Menzies to perform a roll call of present officials. Present were, Committeewoman Sharon Lawrence, Committeewoman Lorraine Beckett, Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, Mayor Chell, Michael Datz, Township Administrator, Shawn G. Menzies, Township Clerk, Marie DeTitto, Esquire, Township Solicitor, Police Chief Rodney Sawyer, Jon Bryson, Federici & Akin, Township Engineer and Glen Demers, Assistant Public Works Superintendent.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes of the Township Committee's February 1, 2010 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor. Mayor Chell and Committeeman Zimmerman abstained.

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes of the Committee's February 1, 2010 meeting, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor. Mayor Chell and Committeeman Zimmerman abstained.

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to approve the minutes of the Township Committee's Special Budget workshop Meeting held February 20, 2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor. Committeewoman Lawrence abstained.

For the Engineer's Report, Mr. Bryson reported bond reductions are on the agenda for three phases of the project known as Country Garden. Next, Mr. Bryson reported the Central Avenue project has had delays for the surveying due to the snow storms, but this week the work is to resume.

Next, Mr. Bryson reported approval was received from the County of Gloucester to go out to bid on the 2009 Community Development Block Grant for the repair of the existing culvert on Schaub Road and will be advertised for a bid opening on March 24, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Bryson reported his office is waiting for the executed contracts, bonds and insurance from the contractor for the 2009 Local Road Program, which was received prior to the meeting this evening.

Committeewoman Lawrence was asked to give an update on the Country Gardens project. She reported that the original approvals called for 150 units to be built before the club house was to open and with the economy where it is at, the developer has asked to allow for it to open now. The planning board is requesting a meeting. Mr. Datz some adjustments will need to take place on the project before a certification of occupancy is approved for the club house. Committeeman Zimmerman said the developer would like to have it open by June.

For the Police Department's Report, Chief Sawyer said the department was inspected on February 24, 2010 for the Accreditation process.

Chief Sawyer reported that after three large scale snow storms the police department went out during the storm this past Friday and begun to enforce a five-year-old ordinance banning parking on streets and that sidewalks must be shoveled 24 hours after the last snow fall.

Mr. Demers reported that they public works will have crews out to repair pot holes in the Township of Mantua and asked if anyone should see one to immediately report it to the Township of Mantua.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

Josephine Marshall, 246 West Mercer Avenue, asked why does the street she lives on get only one pass by a plow? She said a big problem she is having is that they pass once and on the left hand side and it leaves a six feet high snow bank on front of driveways. She said she called and no one has called her back to explain why. Mayor Chell said someone should have called her back. She asked why don't they plow down the center of the road instead.

Mr. Demers said he has spoken to her in the past about this and one of her neighbors called and said the Township of Mantua did a great job.

Mayor Chell said the last storm saw four trucks down and small trucks had to be used which was a problem for the entire township, but there is no excuse it is what occurred.

Next, Mrs. Marshall said if the budget for the Clearview Regional School District should fail and come to the hands of the Township Committee she asked they look to make cuts in areas which do not cut sports or programs, but rather other areas which she reported as \$3,000.00 in administration increases, \$5,000.00 for gas use, \$50,000.00 for school plays and maybe cut positions like vice principals and administrative staff and their secretaries. It should be noted that the Township Committee did not have before them the district's budget and at the time of this meetings the figures and items could not be substantiated. She said these are reason why New Jersey is the butt of jokes.

Mayor Chell said the Committee is up against a wall time wise, as if the budget is defeated the Committee has 45 days to review and make cuts and while Mrs. Marshall has good points, the local district has one of the lowest administration numbers in the

area and that education is very important for the community and its children, but there are problems.

Joseph Marshall, 246 West Mercer Avenue, said the problem with the plows is the drivers have the blades set one way and it creates a problem with the snow being pushed high in front of driveways and also the spreaders for the salt are not calibrated and throw salt on one side and not the other. He added that the Township of Mantua should get ride of all of its rubber covered blades, to which Mr. Datz said only one in ten blades have the rubber cover.

Vince Voltaggio, 905 Gray Fox Circle, said he is attending the meeting tonight as a representative of the County of Gloucester as part of a new program of having county officials attend local meetings to assist in matters which might involve both the county and the town. Mr. Voltaggio, the Engineer for the County of Gloucester, reported the County has crews out now daily to report pot holes on County roads.

Mr. Voltaggio reported two big projects will be coming on soon to resurface portions of Breakneck Road and also to pull Breakneck Road out of the five point intersection in Sewell to make dedicated turns and lanes which should start this summer.

Mayor Chell said it might be a good idea to meet with the owner of the Barnesboro Inn as they do have concerns about how the improvement might affect business, to which Mr. Voltaggio said he would like to bring in plans for the public to review once they are 100 ready.

Committeewoman Beckett asked about flooding issues in the area of this project. Mr. Voltaggio said they will have a plan to address it and it is even being addressed now.

Patricia Justice, 601 Devonshire Drive, asked what has been done since she was last present at the February 1, 2010 meeting regarding issues she is having with her neighbor? Deputy Mayor Scirrotto asked if she met with the Chief of Police and the Township Administrator as this was asked of her at the last meeting. She said no she has not. Mrs. Justice stated she has a court date for a complaint against her neighbor next week and she wants to meet with the police chief with her lawyer.

Mayor Chell said as this is a court matter the Committee will not interfere with the municipal judge in these matters.

Mrs. Justice asked if the Committee has the authority to make a resident comply with laws. Mayor Chell said all residents are treated equally. She said she is using her tax dollars on her attorney fees and the police department has not done its job and she feels has gotten worse.

Mayor Chell said while he does not know all about her situation, there are always two sides to a story and since this matter is in court it is not the place for it to be heard by the Committee nor for it to interfere. He added if she has a complaint she has to file it with the appropriate office.

Mrs. Justice said when she calls the code enforcement out the neighbor turns the light out so there is no violation, but turns it on again when she leaves. She claims to have been attacked and harassed for five years now.

Mayor Chell said the Township of Mantua can enforce some matters like pet registration, but just because a light from his property bothers her it might not be illegal.

Mr. Marshall said back in 1959 when he moved here Township of Mantua official would go door to door asking people to move their vehicles off the road and maybe the Township of Mantua should start to do this again. Deputy Mayor Scirrotto and Mayor Chell separately explained said the law has been on the books for five years, and notices were put in the newspaper and notices sent home with kids from the schools to which 300 tickets were still issued.

Mr. Marshall said he has video of a neighbor pushing snow in the street, to which the Committee said is illegal and he could sign complaints.

As no one else wished to speak, Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to open for a public hearing Ordinance O-02-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

As no one wished to speak on Ordinance O-02-2010, Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-02-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

ORDINANCE O-02-2010
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 346,
SECTION 34 "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT"
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to adopt, 5-0.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adopt by Title Only Ordinance O-03-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

ORDINANCE O-03-2010
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 230 OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO ADD AN
ARTICLE XIII ENTITLED "SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS"

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to adopt by Title Only, 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-55-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R- 55 -2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICIAL
TOWERS FOR THE YEAR 2010 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 375,
SECTION 8 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

All members were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-56-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R- 56 -2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST TO
REPLACE THE IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT
NO. 29023 PROVIDED BY NEWFIELD NATIONAL BANK FOR THE
PROJECT KNOWN AS THE PEACH COUNTRY MINI STORAGE
WITH A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FROM BOND SAFEGUARD
INSURANCE COMPANY NO. 5032419 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$440,718.00

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to approve, 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-57-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-57-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL A. SPEARS TO THE
MANTUA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH FOR A THREE YEAR TERM

All members were in favor.

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to approve Resolution R-58-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-58-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES FOR THE
PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010
AND ACCEPTING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$17,977.00

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to approve, 5-0.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-59-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-59 -2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES FOR THE SECOND
QUARTER OF 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$374.89 AND CANCELING
THE INTEREST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24.99 APPLIED TO 100
TO 106 BARNSBORO ROAD BLOCK 154, LOT 1 AS THE PROPERTY
IS NOW OWNED BY THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-60-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-60-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF
AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES FOR 172 LAMBS ROAD,
BLOCK 253.01, LOT 32, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$747.90

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-61-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-61-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF OLD
OUTSTANDING CHECKS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-62-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-62-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED
SESSION MEETING TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AS IT PERTAINS
TO THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-63-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-63-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SUBMISSION OF
THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 RECYCLING TONNAGE
GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

All were in favor.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution R-64-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

RESOLUTION R-64-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF A
PERFORMANCE BOND FILED BY PAPANONE HOUSING COMPANY
FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE COUNTRY GARDENS PHASE 1
TO A NEW PERFORMANCE BOND AMOUNT OF \$695,881.26

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote, 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-65-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

RESOLUTION R-65-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF A
PERFORMANCE BOND FILED BY PAPANONE HOUSING COMPANY
FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE COUNTRY GARDENS PHASE 2
TO A NEW PERFORMANCE BOND AMOUNT OF \$804,698.77

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote, 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-66-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-66-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF A
PERFORMANCE BOND FILED BY PAPANONE HOUSING COMPANY
FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE COUNTRY GARDENS PHASE 3A
TO A NEW PERFORMANCE BOND AMOUNT OF \$222,189.60

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to approve, 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-67-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

RESOLUTION R-67-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE OF A 2008 DODGE
CHARGER FROM MANTUA AUTO TO BE PAID FOR WITH
FORFEITED FUNDS FROM THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE
DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,200.00

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-68-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-68-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING FOR FORMER MANTUA
TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS TO BE
VESTED IN THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM
ADMINISTERED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-69-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

RESOLUTION R-69-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION CANCELING OUTSTANDING
CHECKS FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to approve a one day liquor license, social event for the Incarnation Knights of Columbus Council 6364 for an event to be held March 13, 2010 at the church hall, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

Mayor Chell asked for the discussion on the bidding of liquor licenses be moved to the April 5, 2010 Workshop Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adjourn into closed session, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor. The time was 8:30 p.m.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to reopen the meeting, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. The time was 8:56 p.m.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting until March 15, 2010, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor. The time was 8:59 p.m.